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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Marius HAURI et al.

Serial No. 10/665,514

Art Unit: 3767

Filed: September 22, 2003

Examiner: Hah, Benjamin

For: SAFETY NEEDLE ASSEMBLY
AND METHOD FOR MAKING
THE SAME

Atty Docket: 0100/0165

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2007 in which, aside from citing a new reference, the examiner in essence repeated the same rejections as set forth in the previous Office Action of September 18, 2006.

A, Claims 1-2, 4, 9, 21-21, 23 and 28 were once more rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Crawford et al. (2002/0161336).

Instead of parroting the same argument as set forth in the Amendment dated December 18, 2006, those arguments are incorporated by reference herein. Applicants hereby address the examiner's "Response to Arguments" set forth on pages 7 and 8 of the latest Office Action.

According to the examiner, Crawford "states that the collar may be mounted to the needle hub via mechanical fit and wherein it is the examiner's position that the collar is still